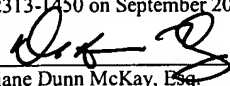




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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer No.
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Serial No. 10/743,400	:	Group Art Unit: 1761
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Filed: December 22, 2003	:	Examiner: Carolyn A. PADEN
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Title: COMPOSITIONS OF LEGUME	:	Confirmation No. 7173
PROTEINS AND METHODS OF USE	:	
THEREOF FOR REDUCING	:	
ACRYLAMIDE IN COOKED FOODS	:	
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an August 14, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 20-25 and a cooked food, drawn to an aqueous composition, classified in class 426, subclass 93.

II. Claims 8-19 and 26, drawn to a process for preparing food, classified in class 426, subclass 438.

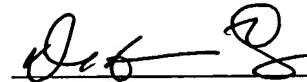
Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group II, 8-19 and 26, drawn to a process for preparing food, classified in class 426, subclass 438 for prosecution in this application. Applicants submit that a search of the system of Group II would uncover the composition of Group I. Applicants respectfully request the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

The Examiner has also indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: potato, rice, wheat, corn, rye, cassava, banana, plantains, sorghum, millets, barley, chicken, beef, fish, shellfish, and vegetable. Applicants hereby elect the species of potato.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 20, 2006



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